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Mr. Clinton "Bubba" Rasberry

Dear Mr. Rasberry:

Colleges and universities across the United States are facing an epidemic with regard to rape and sexual assault on campuses. U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri) recently completed a nationwide survey detailing this horrendous problem and the disappointing efforts by colleges and universities to address the issue. It is crucial that the Louisiana legislature tackle this issue in our state, with your partnership, and the first step in solving this problem is collecting background data on the issue at hand.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, I respectfully request the Board of Regents, in conjunction with the management boards of the Louisiana State University, Southern University, University of Louisiana, and Louisiana Community and Technical College systems to prepare a comprehensive written report detailing:

- (1) The number of sexual assaults that have been reported on each campus for the preceding five calendar years (1/1/2009-12/31/2013);
- (2) The number of sexual assault investigations that have been conducted on each campus for the preceding five calendar years (1/1/2009-12/31/2013);
- (3) The written policy governing sexual assaults on each campus, specifically including any sexual assault response employee training requirements; and
- (4) The written investigation and adjudication procedures for sexual assaults on each campus, including but not limited to any special provisions that allow agencies/departments other than campus police and/or other law enforcement agencies to investigate sexual assault and/or rape allegations.

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Kindly have the report sent to me no later than September 15, 2014.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Joan-Paul Morrell

Louisiana State Senator Chairman, Judiciary B

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